

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-8 (cancelled). ✓

9. (original) A carrier for an article having first and second opposed surfaces both of which are generally normal to the article's periphery, which comprises:

a member having an article-periphery-conformal aperture therethrough, the aperture being adapted to receive the article when the member is in a first orientation;

a first cover removably associable with one side of the member to render the aperture a blind aperture into which blind aperture an article is insertable with the first surface abutting the first cover and the second surface exposed;

a second cover removably associable with the other side of the member to render the blind aperture a closed aperture in which closed aperture an inserted article may be held, the member being manipulable into a second orientation wherein the second surface abuts the second cover so that the article is presented with the first side exposed following removal of the second cover.

10. (original) A package which includes the carrier of Claim 9, and wherein:

the carrier contains plural apertures,

one or more articles are carried in the apertures, and

both covers are associated with the member.

11. (cancelled)

12. (new) The carrier of Claim 9, wherein said member has a height substantially equal to the height of said article.

13. (new) A carrier for an article having first and second opposed surfaces both of which are generally normal to the article's periphery, which comprises:

a member having an article-periphery-conformal aperture therethrough, the aperture being adapted to receive the article when the member is in a first orientation;

a first cover removably associable with one side of the member to render the aperture a blind aperture into which blind aperture an article is insertable with the first surface abutting the first cover and the second surface exposed;

a second cover removably associable with the other side of the member to render the blind aperture a closed aperture in which closed aperture an inserted article may be held, the member being manipulable into a second orientation wherein the second surface abuts the second cover so that the article is presented with the first side exposed following removal of the first cover.

14. (new) A package which includes the carrier of Claim 13, and wherein:
the carrier contains plural apertures,
one or more articles are carried in the apertures, and
both covers are associated with the member.

15. (new) The carrier of Claim 13, wherein said member has a height substantially equal to the height of said article.
